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THE MOST
WANTED
MUTANTS!

WELCOME TO
HUMANITY
THE NICEST TOWN IN THE WEST
AND NO MALFORMS!

THE TOWN OF
HUMANITY.

A TOWN
FULL OF FINE,
UPSTANDING
FOLK.

A TOWN
PROUD
OF ITS
GENTEEL
REPUTATION.

LU
BUIL
MAT

A TOWN WHERE YOUNG JONO HEX
SPENT SOME OF HIS BOYHOOD.

THEY'RE
LOOKIN' AT
US, PA. THEY
HATE US. WE
DON'T FIT IN.

THAT'S DARNED SILLY
TALK, JONO. THESE IS
GOOD PEOPLE

THAT TYPE
SHOULDN'T
BE ALLOWED
IN *HUMANITY*.

CAN'T THE
AUTHORITIES
FIND A... A
RESERVATION
OR SOMETHING
FOR THEM?

AND THAT
BOY. SOMETHIN'...
ODD ABOUT HIM.

JONO'S PA —
A DECENT MAN
WHO HAD BEEN
KICKED IN THE
HEAD BY A
MULE AT AN
EARLY AGE —
TRIED HARD TO
BE ACCEPTED...

HOWDY, FOLKS.
SAY--I GOT
SOME PRIME PIG
MANURE IF'N
ANYONE WANTS IT.
STRAIGHT OUTA THE
OVEN, YOU MIGHT SAY!

:-HMMPH:-

SORRY
CLOSED

HECK AN'
TARNATION,
AIN'T THAT A
STROKE OF BAD
LUCK?

...YOUNG JONO KNEW
HIS EFFORTS WERE
FUTILE.

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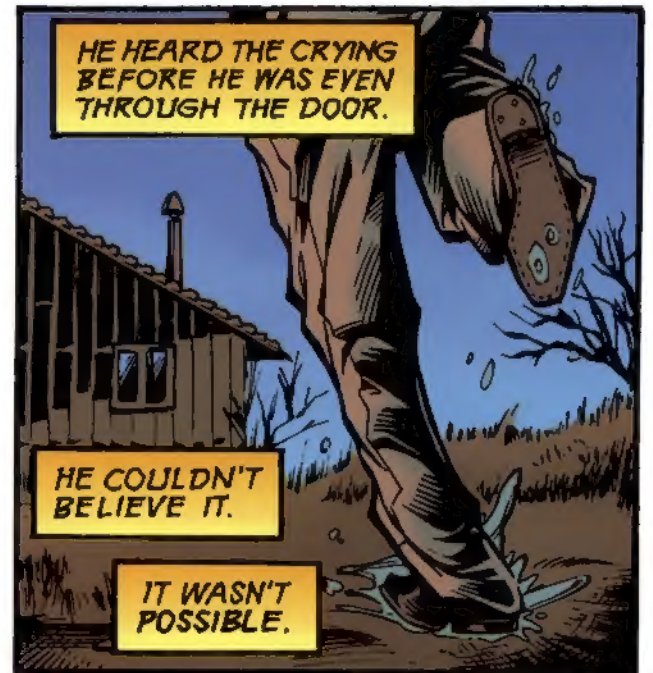
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AND THEN CAME
THAT TERRIBLE NIGHT
WHEN JONO'S MA
WENT INTO LABOR.

THE WHOLE TOWN
MUST HAVE HEARD
HER SCREAMS AND
CRIES...

...BUT NOT A SOUL
CAME TO SEE IF
THEY COULD HELP.





THEY CAME
ONE NIGHT.

THE CHILDREN
OF THE
GOOD PEOPLE
OF HUMANITY.

THE PARENTS
COULD PRETEND
THEY HAD
NOTHING TO DO
WITH WHAT
HAPPENED.

HUH?

HE COULD
HEAR HIS PA
SCREAMING.

AND HE COULD FEEL
THAT STRANGE POWER
WELLING UP,
STRONGER THAN EVER...

AND THEN IT CAME OUT,
SO STRONG IT BURNED
A GULCH RIGHT ACROSS
HIS YOUNG FACE.

THOUGH IT WAS
TOO LATE TO
SAVE HIS PA.

HE WAS CHASED FROM TOWN.
BRANDED A MALFORM,
THOSE PEOPLE WHO LATER
BECAME KNOWN AS MUTANTS.

A WEEPING, BITTER
YOUNG BOY,
OUT ON HIS OWN...

BUT THAT BOY
GREW.

AND HE GREW
STRONG...

HUMANITY'S LAST STAND

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CHUCK KIM

...AND HE GREW
MEAN.

...AND BECAME HEAD OF
A BAND OF MALFORMS
WHO, SHUNNED BY DECENT
SOCIETY AND BRANDED
FOR WHAT THEY WERE, HAD
NO OPTION BUT TO LIVE
THE LIVES OF OUTLAWS.

THEY WERE
GENERATION HEX.

AND THIS IS
ONE OF THE STORIES
THAT IS STILL
TOLD ABOUT THEM.



A CONVENTION
OF MARSHALS
AND SHERIFFS...

MY NAME'S
MARSHAL "BAT" TRASK.
I AM THE FOREMOST
MALFORM HUNTER
THIS SIDE OF
LITTLE ROCK,
ARKANSAS.

TODAY,
GENTLEMEN, I WILL
SHOW YOU WHY
GENERATION HEX'S
REIGN OF TERROR
IS ABOUT TO COME
TO AN END.

YOU
KNOW HEX
WELL ENOUGH,
AND HIS
MALFORMS.

THERE'S
MADAME BANSHEE.
IRISH, ONE-TIME
OWNER OF A
HOUSE OF INIQUITY.
SHE USES MIND
POWER TO KEEP
HER... BOYS
IN CHECK.

JOHNNY RANDOM.
HE CAN CREATE THUNDER
CLAPS OUT OF THIN
AIR, 'SPECIALLY WHEN
HIS ACNE'S BAD.

AND THERE'S
SKINHUNTER. ALWAYS
HUNGRY FOR MORE SKIN
TO ADD TO WHAT
HE'S GOT.

WHITE WHIP.
THIS LITTLE FILLY
USES BRAIN POWER
TO MAKE HER WHIP
DANCE.

RETRIBUTION.
RAZOR-SHARP SKIN,
AND A TEMPERAMENT
TO MATCH.

THE TWINS
TRIGGER. FASTEST
GUNS IN THE WEST
OR EAST. THE ONE
CALLED AURORA
SOMETIMES THINKS
SHE'S A BOUNTY
'UNTER CALLED
CINNAMON.

THAT'S
GENERATION 'EX,
GENTLEMEN.

AND
THIS'S WHAT'S
GONNA MAKE 'EM
'ISTORY.

:-GASP!:-

THE MAIL TRAIN FROM TOMBSTONE, CARRYING THE 7TH CAVALRY'S WAGES, WAS ALWAYS GONNA BE A PRIME TARGET.



TRAIN'S MAKIN' AN UNSCHEDULED STOP. YOU BOYS GOTTA PROBLEM WIT' THAT?

N-NO... NO PROBLEM.

GOOD.



MADAME BANSHEE, LET'S GET T' WORK.

MAYBE I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT. DON'T RECKON MY THUNDER'S APPRECIATED.

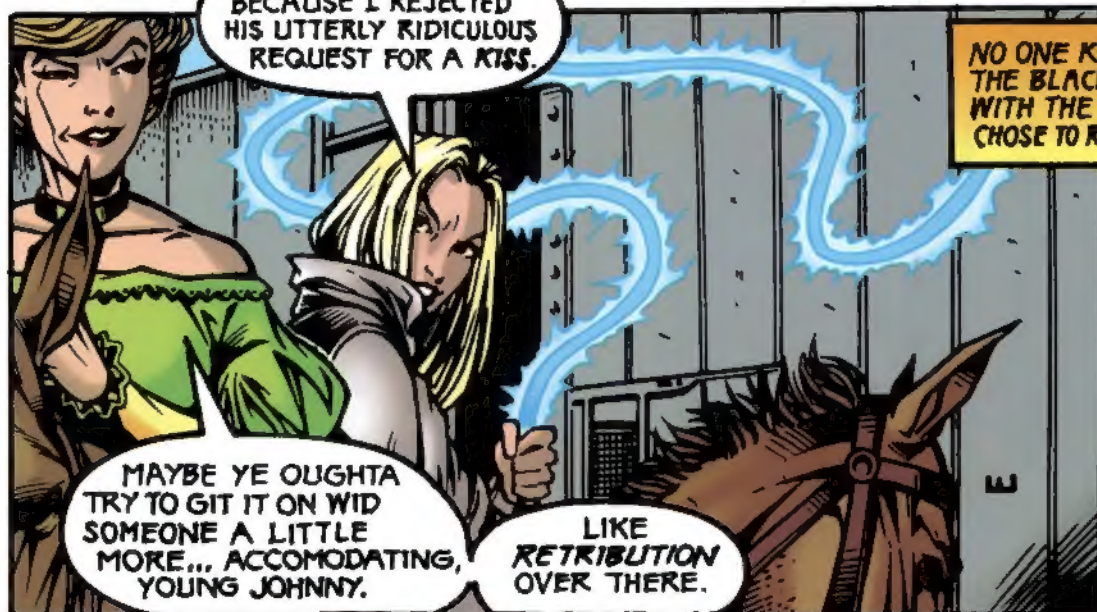
YE HEARD THE MAN, JOHNNY. WOULD YE EVER GIVE A LITTLE CLAP O' THUNDER, TO OPEN UP THE CARRIAGE, LIKE.



HE'S JUST SORE BECAUSE I REJECTED HIS UTTERLY RIDICULOUS REQUEST FOR A KISS.

MAYBE YE OUGHTA TRY TO GIT IT ON WID SOMEONE A LITTLE MORE... ACCOMODATING, YOUNG JOHNNY.

LIKE RETRIBUTION OVER THERE.



NO ONE KNEW WHY THE BLACKFOOT INDIAN WITH THE RAZOR SKIN CHOSE TO RIDE WITH HEX.

BECAUSE NO ONE HAD EVER HAD THE GUTS TO ASK HER!



I'D SOONER ROLL AROUND NAKED IN A THORN BUSH.



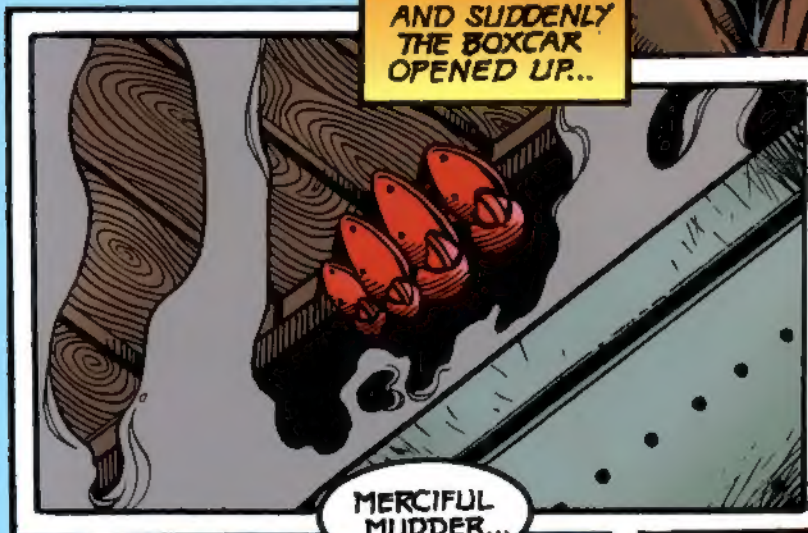
DON'T
KNOCK IT
UNTIL YOU
TRIED IT.



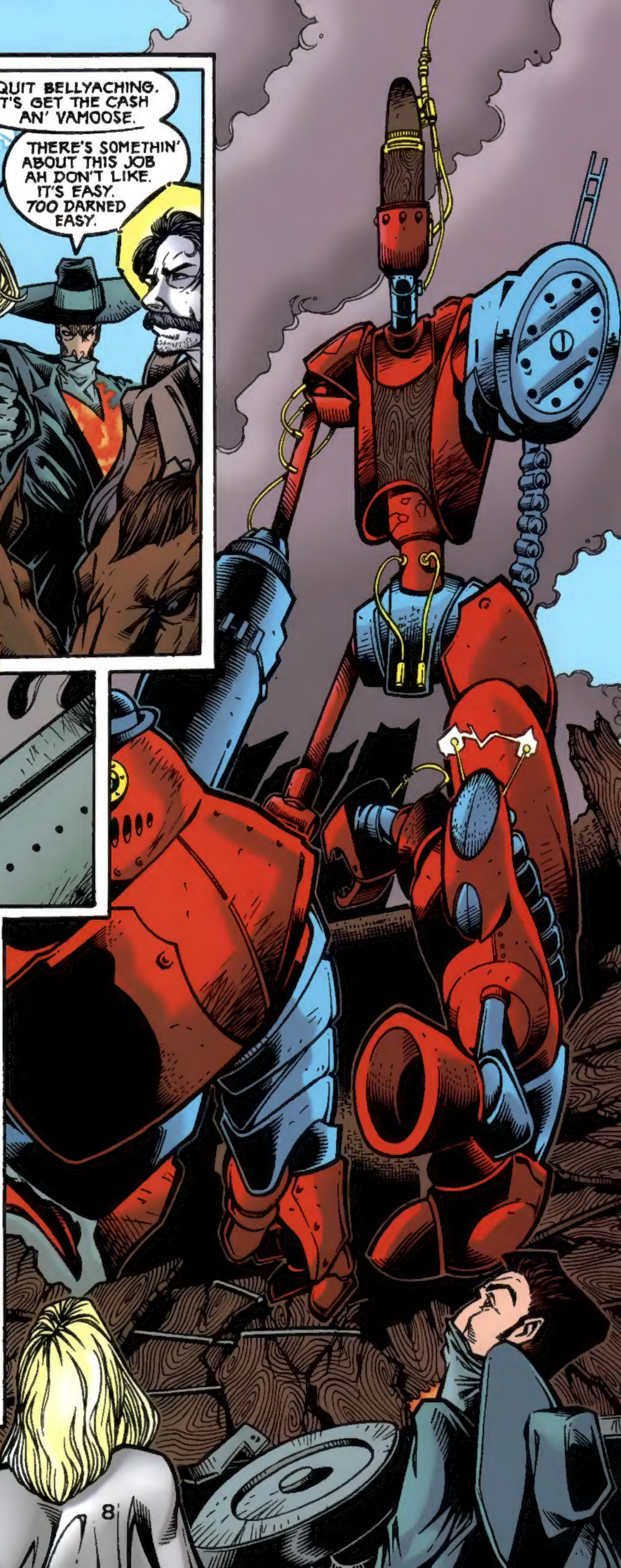
QUIT BELLYACHING.
LET'S GET THE CASH
AN' VAMOOSE.

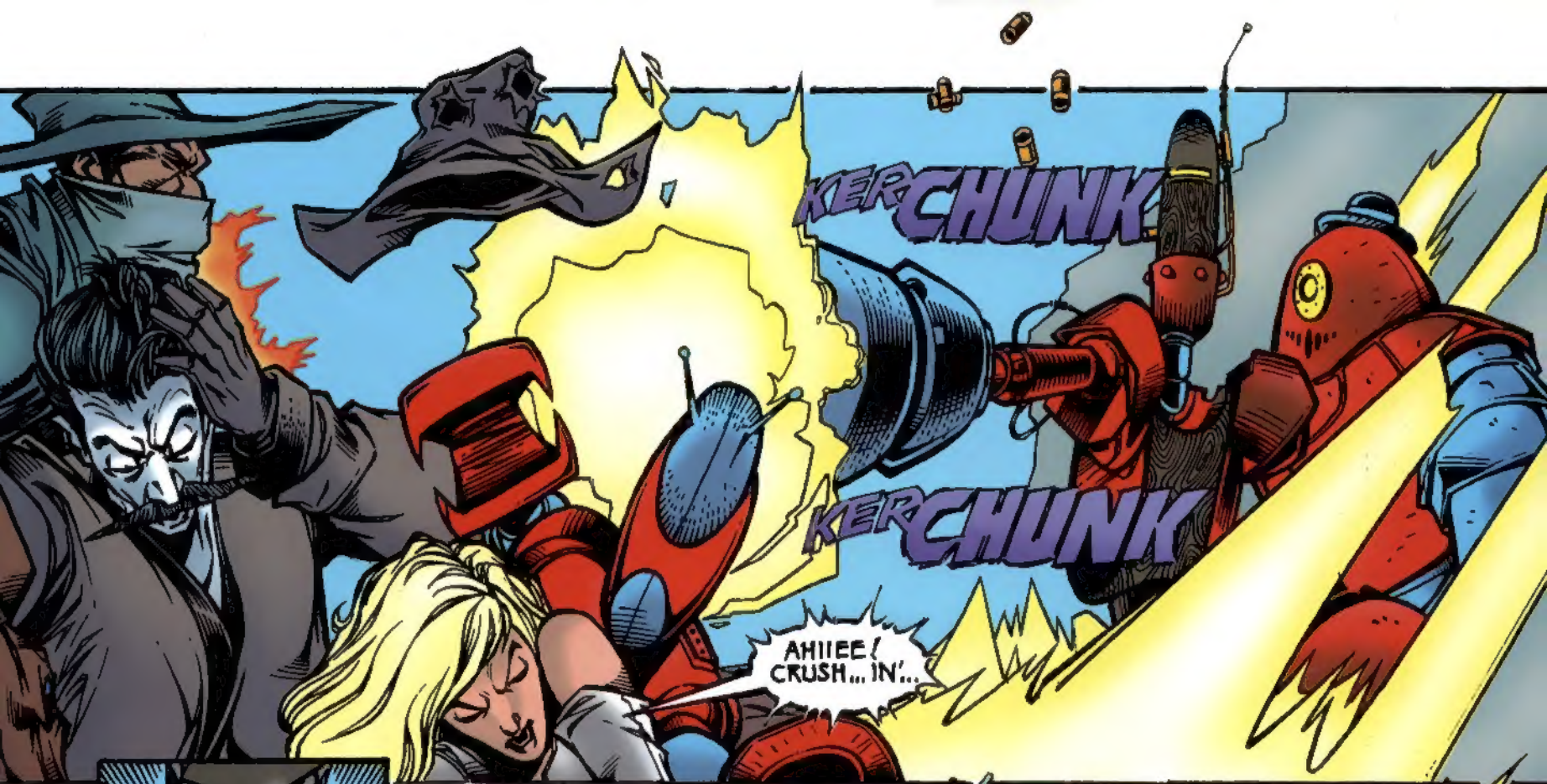
THERE'S SOMETHIN'
ABOUT THIS JOB
AH DON'T LIKE.
IT'S EASY.
TOO DARNED
EASY.

AND SUDDENLY
THE BOXCAR
OPENED UP...



MERCIFUL
MUDDER...

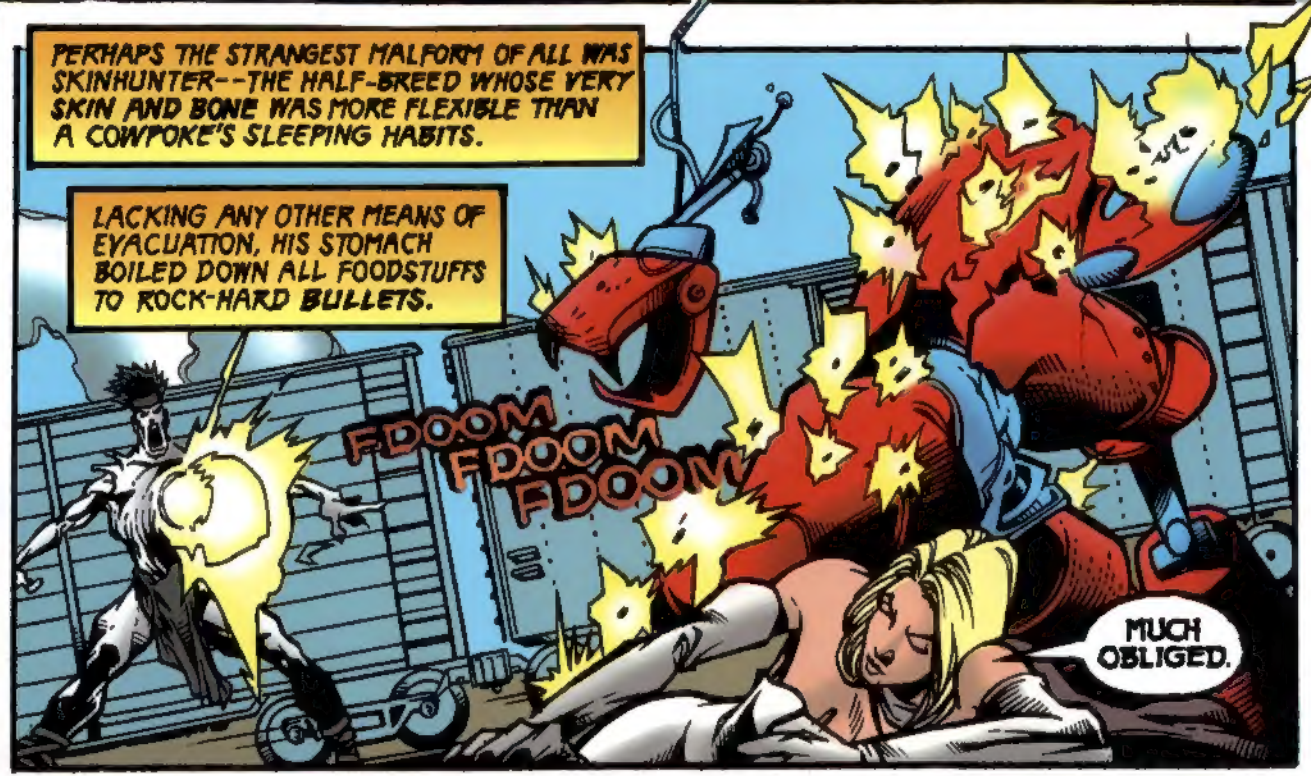




AHIEE!
CRUSH... IN...

PERHAPS THE STRANGEST MALFORM OF ALL WAS SKINHUNTER--THE HALF-BREED WHOSE VERY SKIN AND BONE WAS MORE FLEXIBLE THAN A COWPOKE'S SLEEPING HABITS.

LACKING ANY OTHER MEANS OF EVACUATION, HIS STOMACH BOILED DOWN ALL FOODSTUFFS TO ROCK-HARD BULLETS.



MUCH OBLIGED.



THIS SITUATION BAD.

JONO HEX, MEET YOUR DOOM. THESE ARE RAZORMEN, DESIGNED BY ME TO HUNT DOWN AND DESTROY MALFORMS.

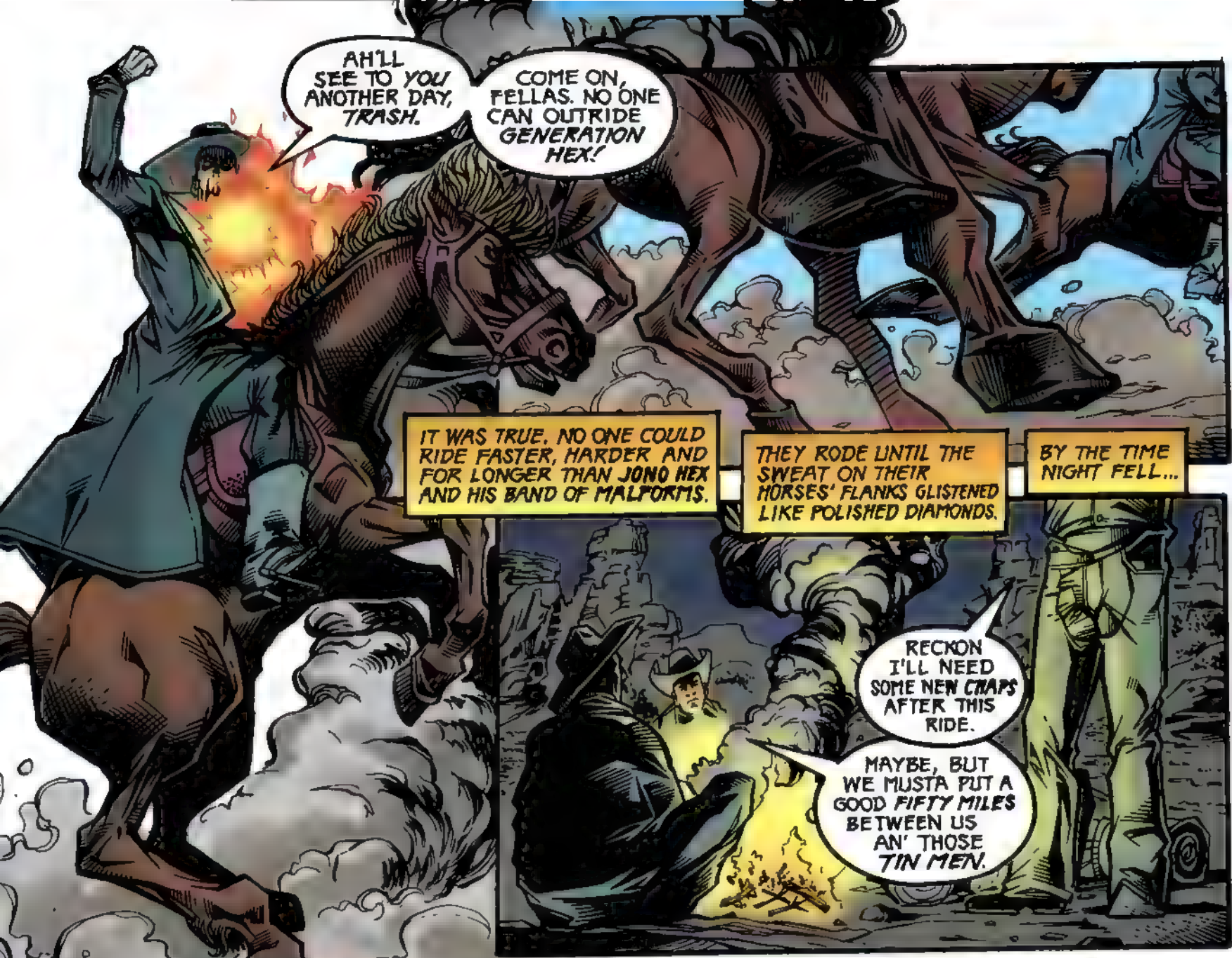
THEIR ARTIFICIAL BRAINS PERCEIVE YOUR MALFORMITY... AND WILL NOT STOP 'TIL YOU ARE DESTROYED.

WHAT MARSHAL TRASK DID NOT KNOW -- OR PERHAPS KNEW ON A SUBCONSCIOUS LEVEL...



HERE'S TO A MALFORM-FREE WEST!

...WAS THAT THE GENIUS THAT ENABLED HIM TO DESIGN THE RAZORMEN CAME FROM A SUBTLE MUTATION OF HIS OWN BRAIN.



AH'LL
SEE TO YOU
ANOTHER DAY,
TRASH.

COME ON,
FELLAS. NO ONE
CAN OUTRIDE
GENERATION
HEX!

IT WAS TRUE. NO ONE COULD
RIDE FASTER, HARDER AND
FOR LONGER THAN JONO HEX
AND HIS BAND OF MALFORMS.

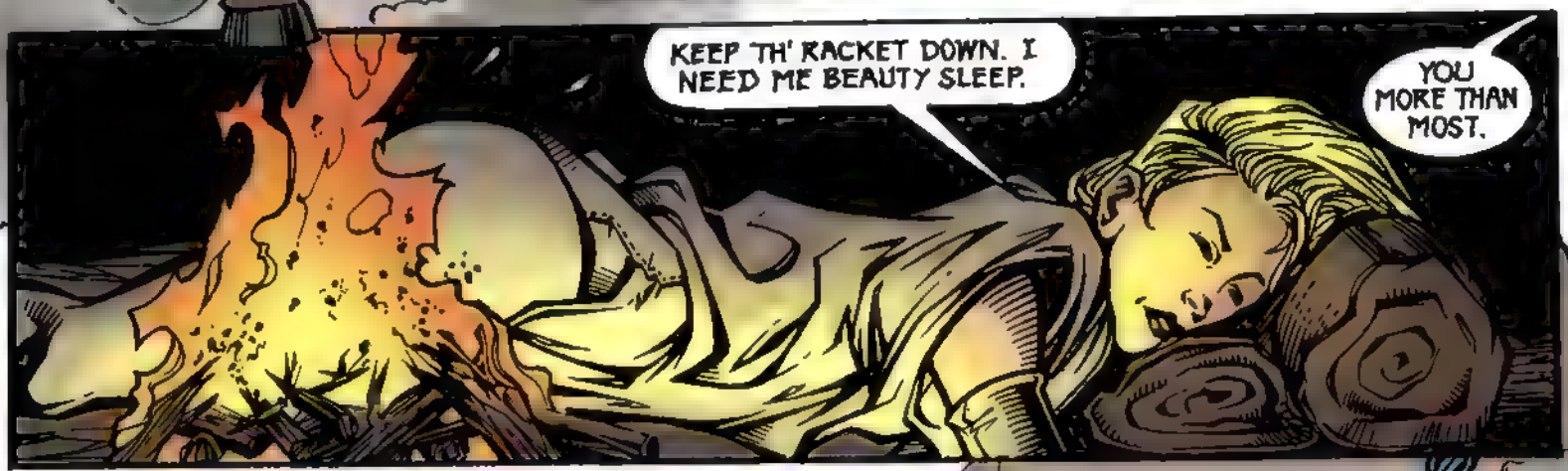
THEY RODE UNTIL THE
SWEAT ON THEIR
HORSES' FLANKS GLISTENED
LIKE POLISHED DIAMONDS.

BY THE TIME
NIGHT FELL...



RECKON
I'LL NEED
SOME NEW CRAPS
AFTER THIS
RIDE.

MAYBE, BUT
WE MUSTA PUT A
GOOD FIFTY MILES
BETWEEN US
AN' THOSE
TIN MEN.



KEEP TH' RACKET DOWN. I
NEED ME BEAUTY SLEEP.

YOU
MORE THAN
MOST.



SAY, CAN
ANYONE ELSE
HEAR A STRANGE
CLUNKING
NOISE?

SPIT.
AH DON'T
BELIEVE
IT.

THE
RAZORMEN!



AND SO
THEY RODE ON.
AND ON.

TIRED HORSES BUCKLED
AND FELL, WERE PICKED
UP AGAIN, CRUELLY
GOADED, AND REMOUNTED.

THREE DAYS AND THREE
NIGHTS WE'VE BEEN RIDIN'.
NON-STOP. I'VE A **BLISTER**
BETWEEN MY LEGS SO BIG
I'M AFRAID TO BURST IT
IN CASE IT DROWNS US ALL.

WE
MUSTA
LOST THEM
BY NOW.



WHEN THE HORSES STARTED
DYING, THE TEMPER
STARTED BREAKING.

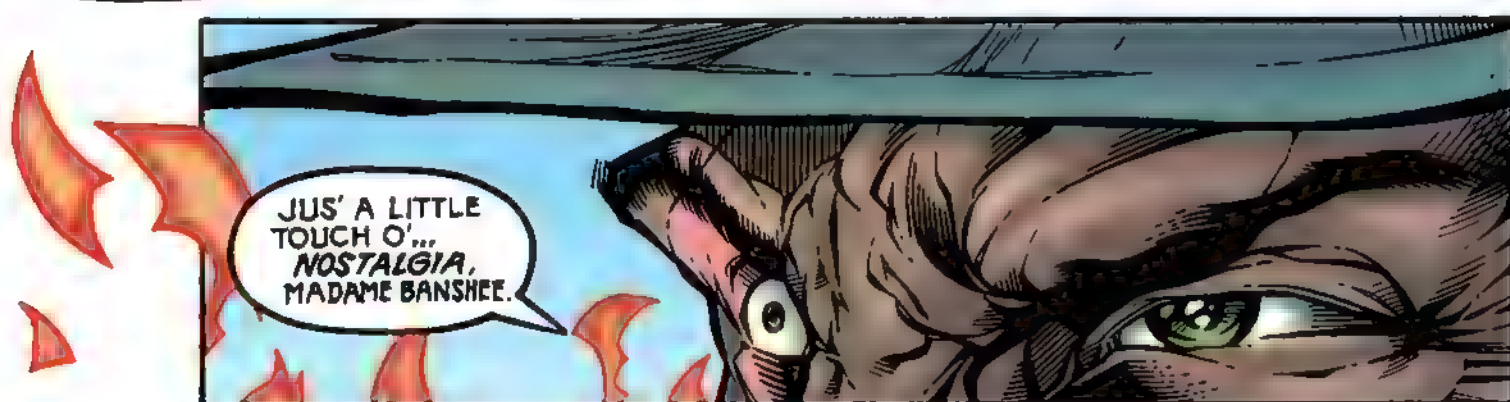
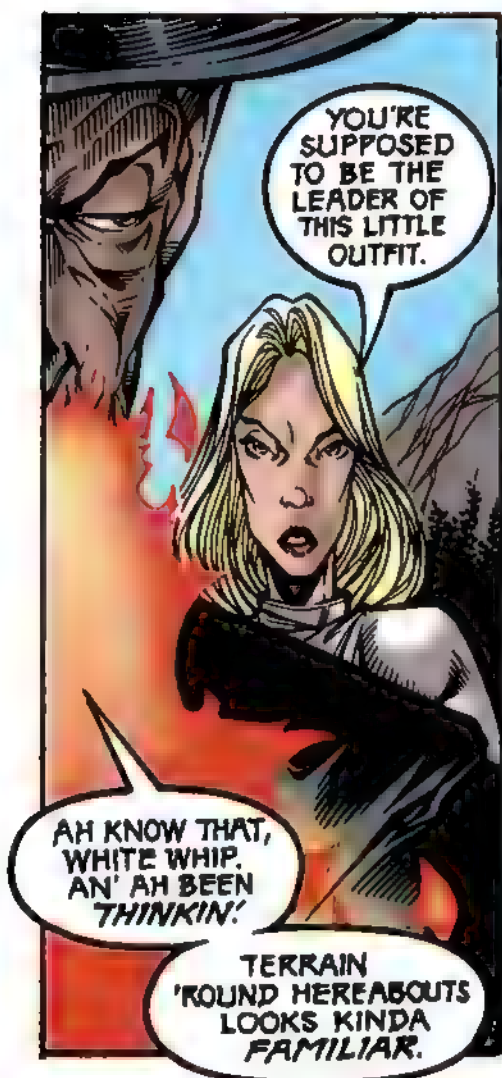
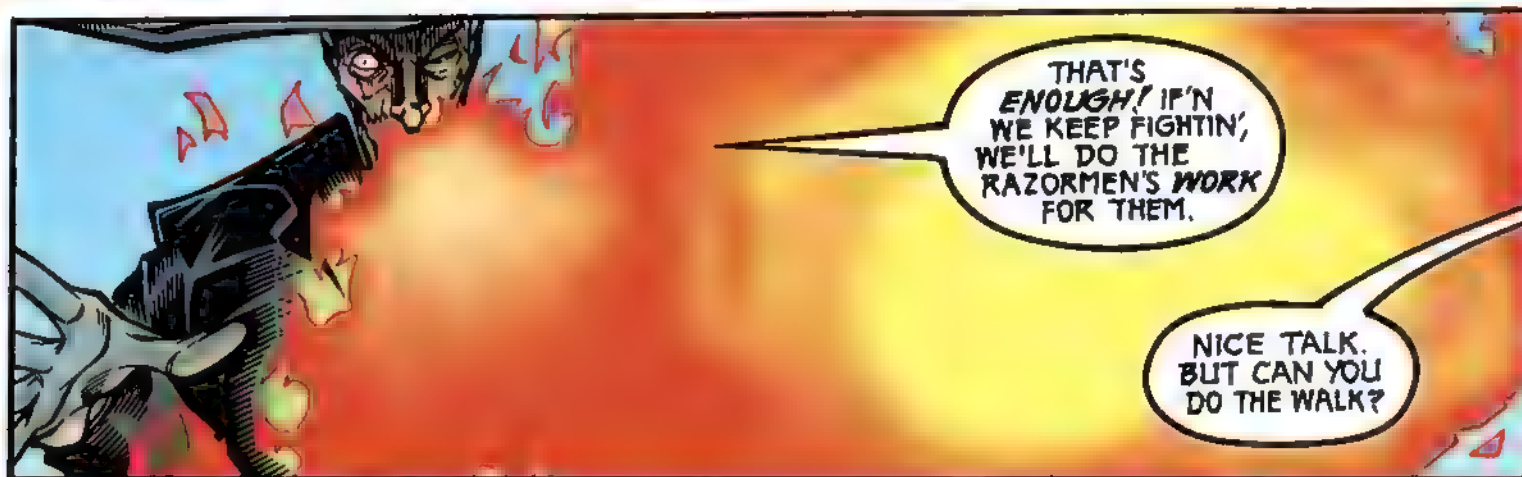
YOU'LL
JUST
HAVE TO
FLY.

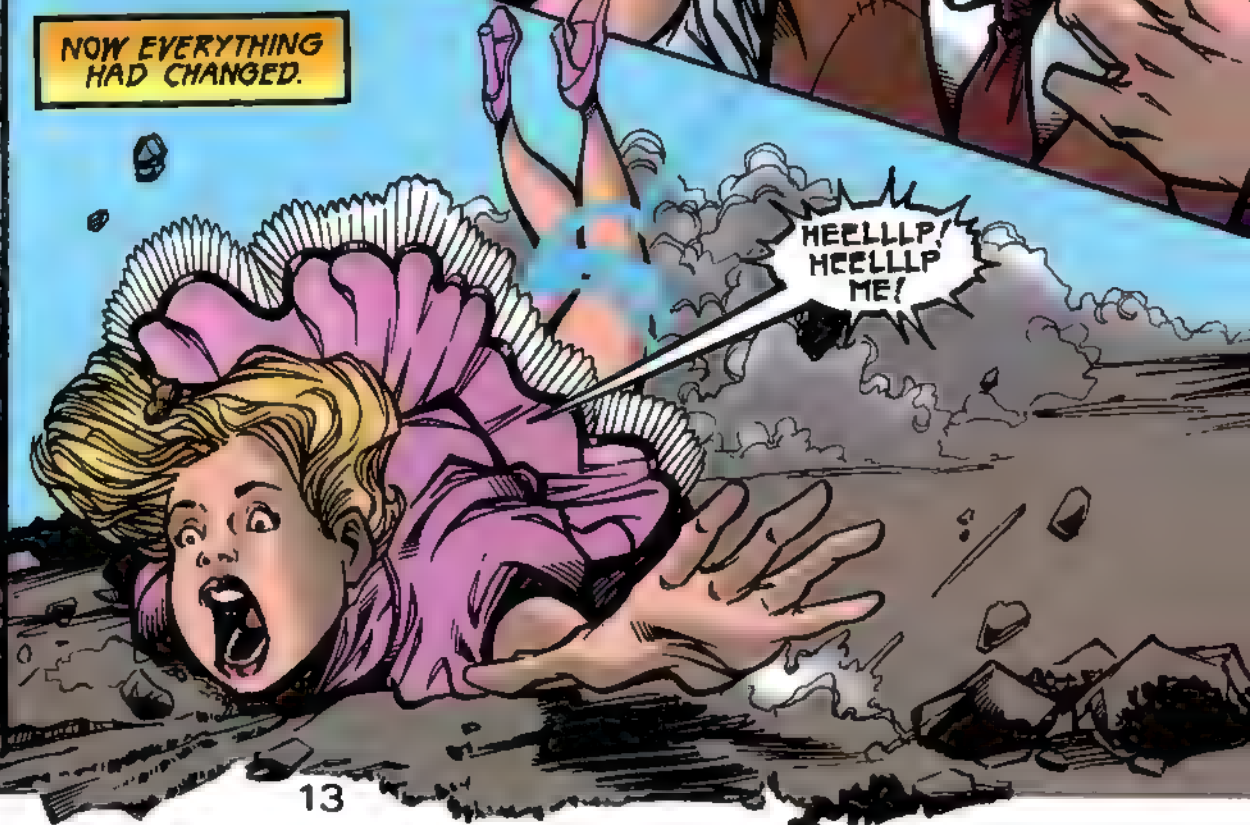
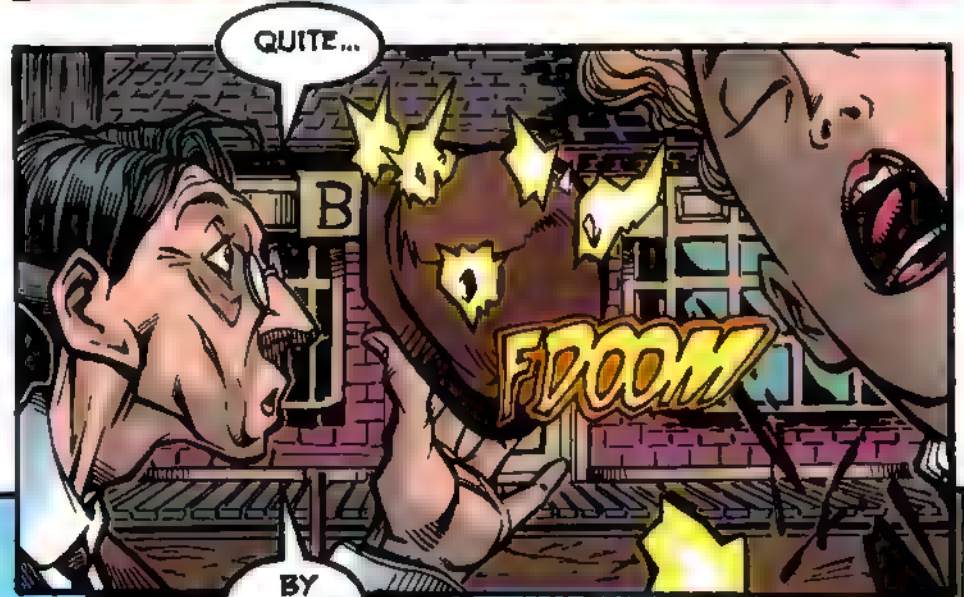
NO.
CAN'T FLY
FAST ENOUGH,
OR FAR ENOUGH.
I'M A-TAKIN'
THAT HORSE.

NO CAN DO.
THIS IS WHERE
CINNAMON
PARTS COMPANY.

YOU AIN'T
CINNAMON!
CINNAMON
DON'T EXIST!
YOU'RE
INSANE!

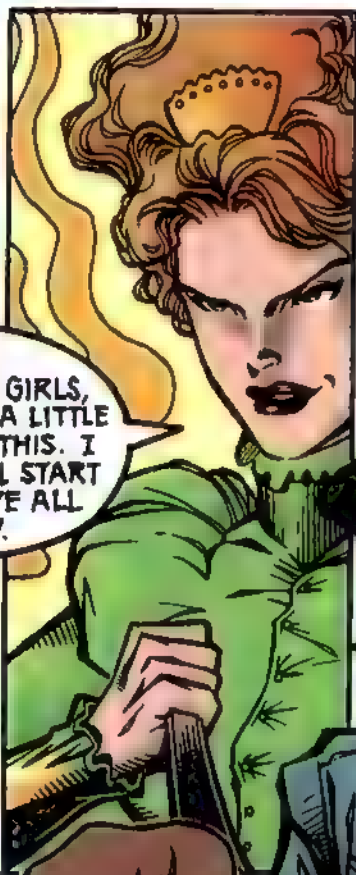








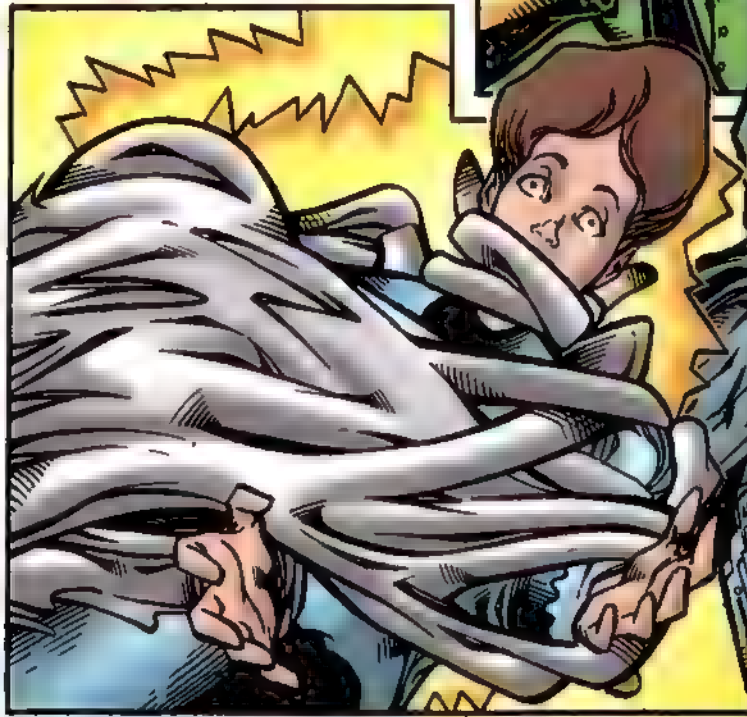
FOR ALMOST AN HOUR, THE GENTLE FOLK OF HUMANITY WERE TERRORIZED AND HUMILIATED. UNTIL...



WELL, BOYS AND GIRLS, I'M GETTIN' A LITTLE BORED OF THIS. I THINK WE'LL START KILLING YE ALL NOW.

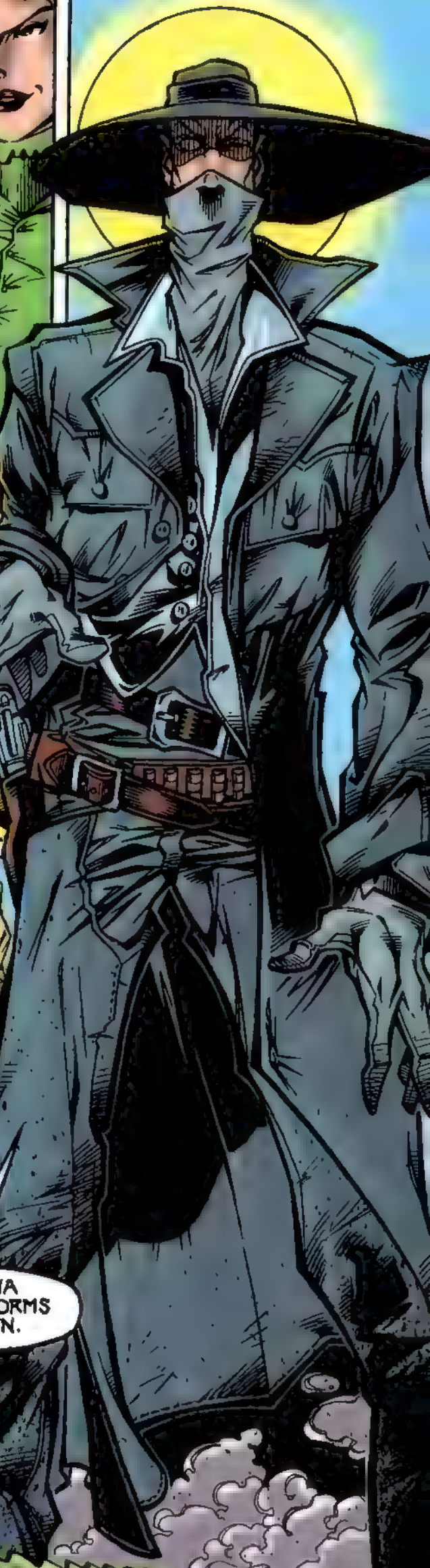


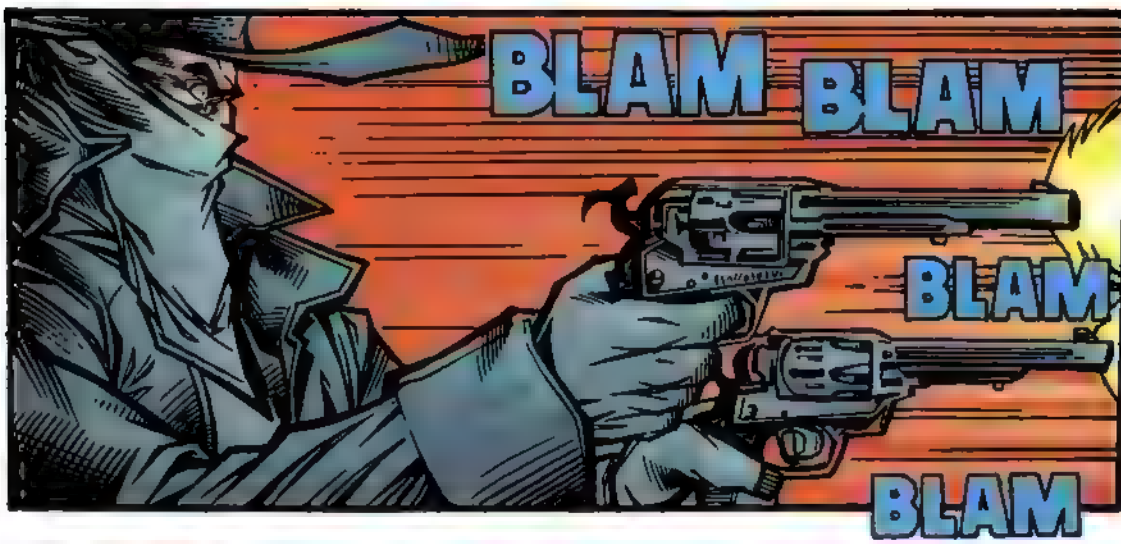
WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST.



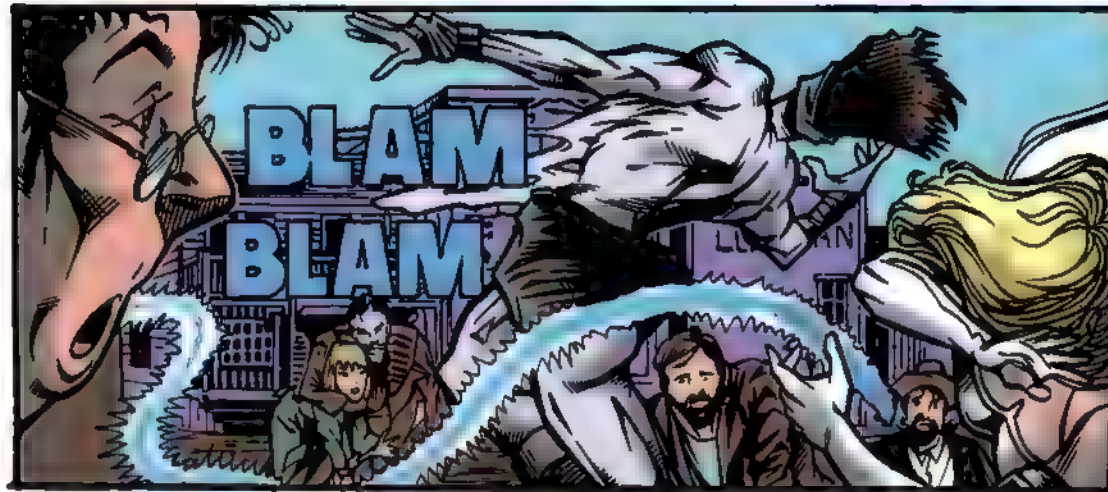
PUT YOUR SKIN AWAY.

I'M A-GONNA RUN YOU MALFORMS OUTTA TOWN.

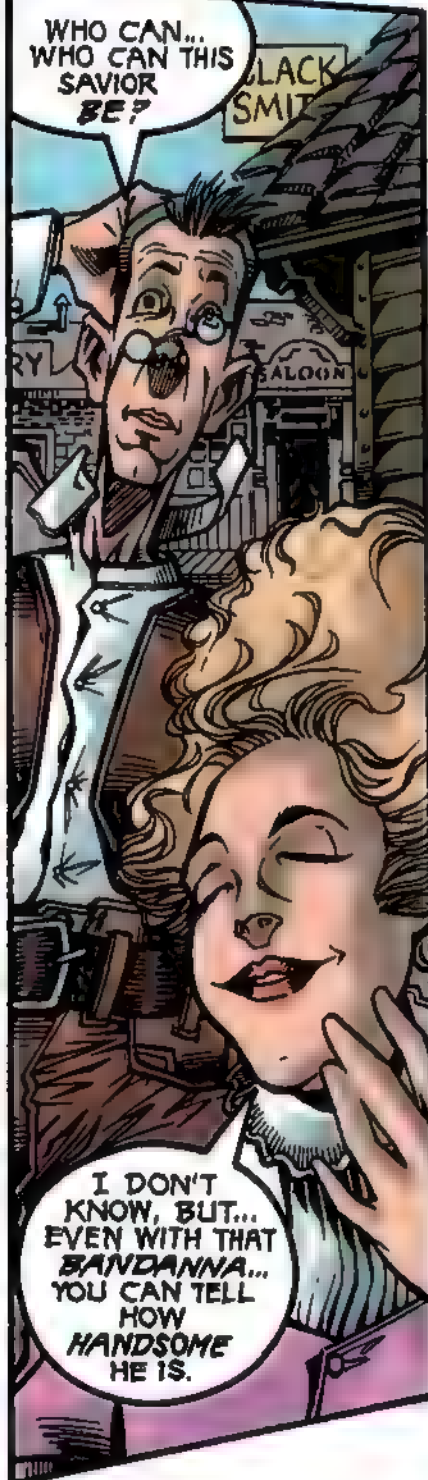




PITY YE
CAME WHEN
YE DID, JONO.
I WAS JUS'
BEGINNING
TO ENJOY
THAT.

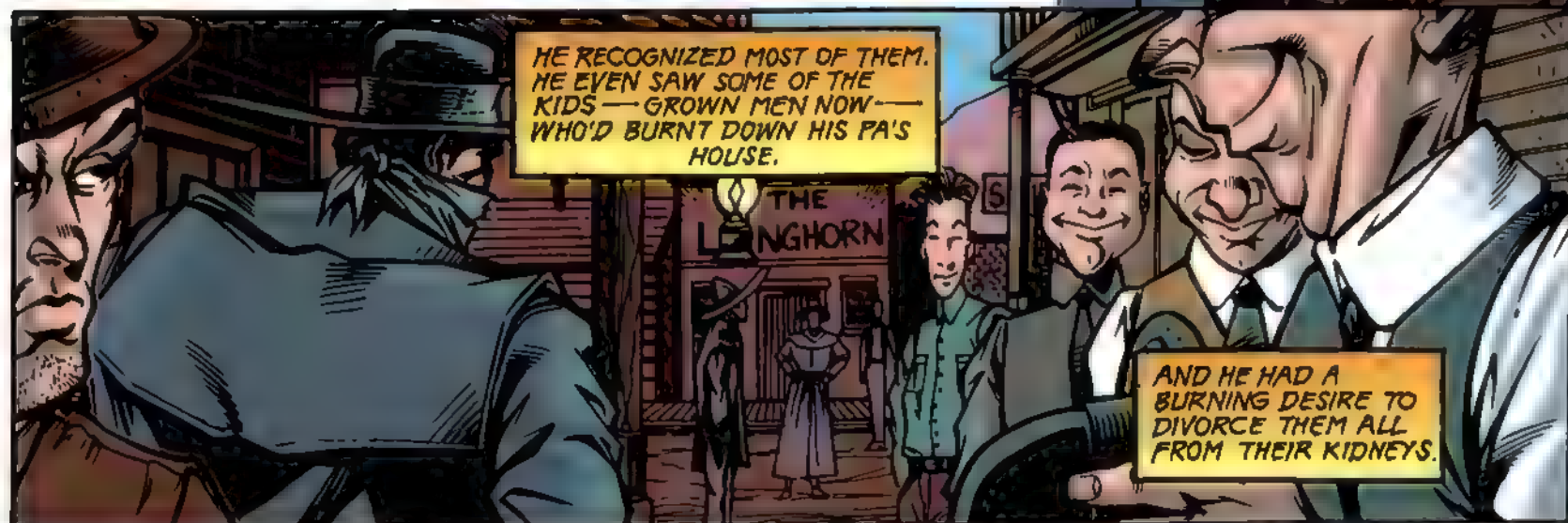
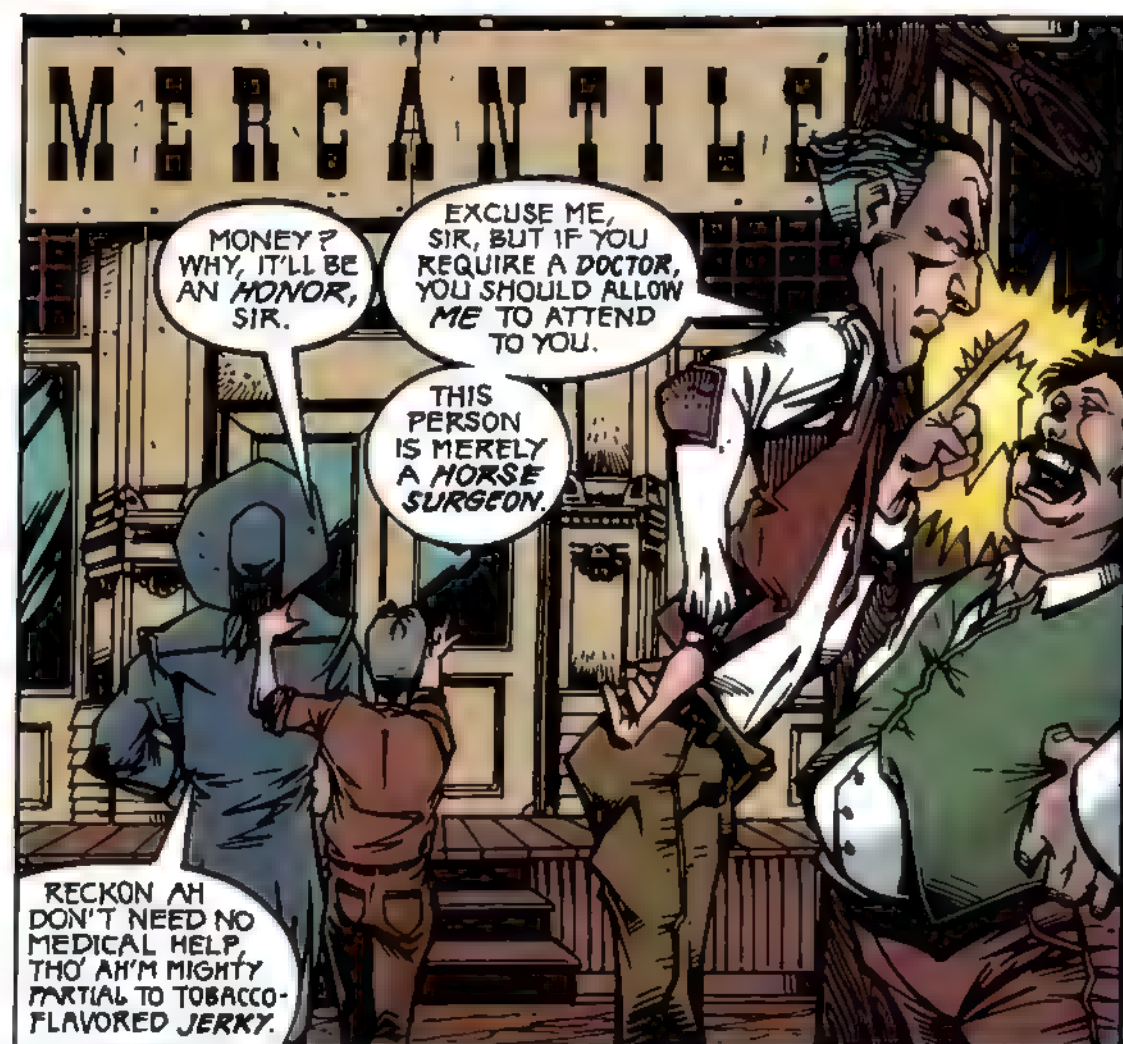


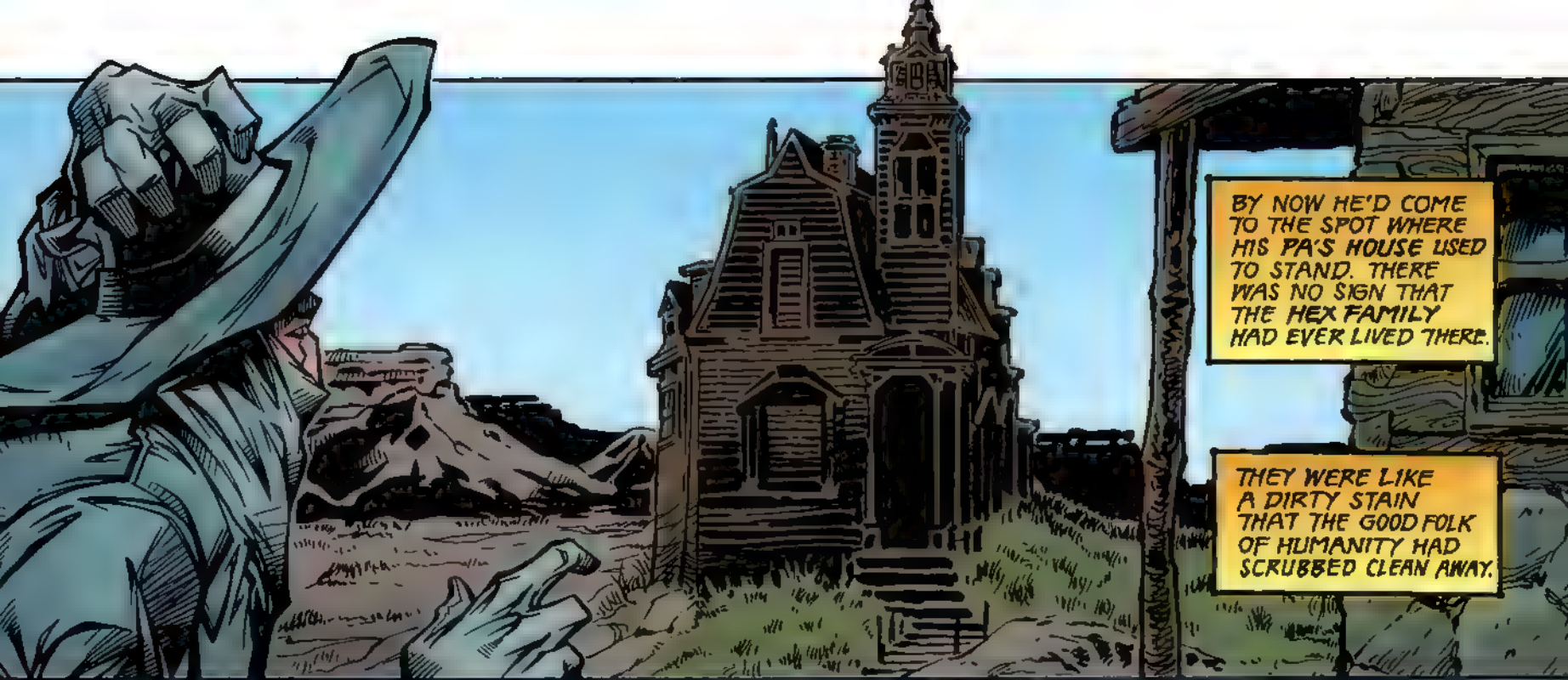
WHO CAN...
WHO CAN THIS
SAVIOR
BE?



WHY...
THANK YOU
KINDLY,
SIR.

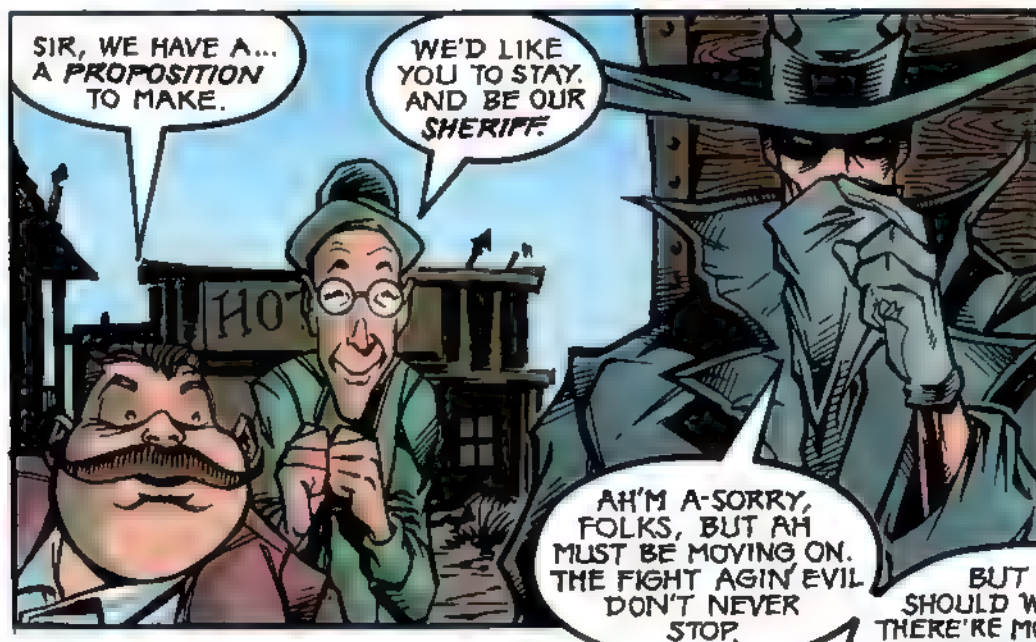






BY NOW HE'D COME TO THE SPOT WHERE HIS PA'S HOUSE USED TO STAND. THERE WAS NO SIGN THAT THE HEX FAMILY HAD EVER LIVED THERE.

THEY WERE LIKE A DIRTY STAIN THAT THE GOOD FOLK OF HUMANITY HAD SCRUBBED CLEAN AWAY.



SIR, WE HAVE A... A PROPOSITION TO MAKE.

WE'D LIKE YOU TO STAY. AND BE OUR SHERIFF.

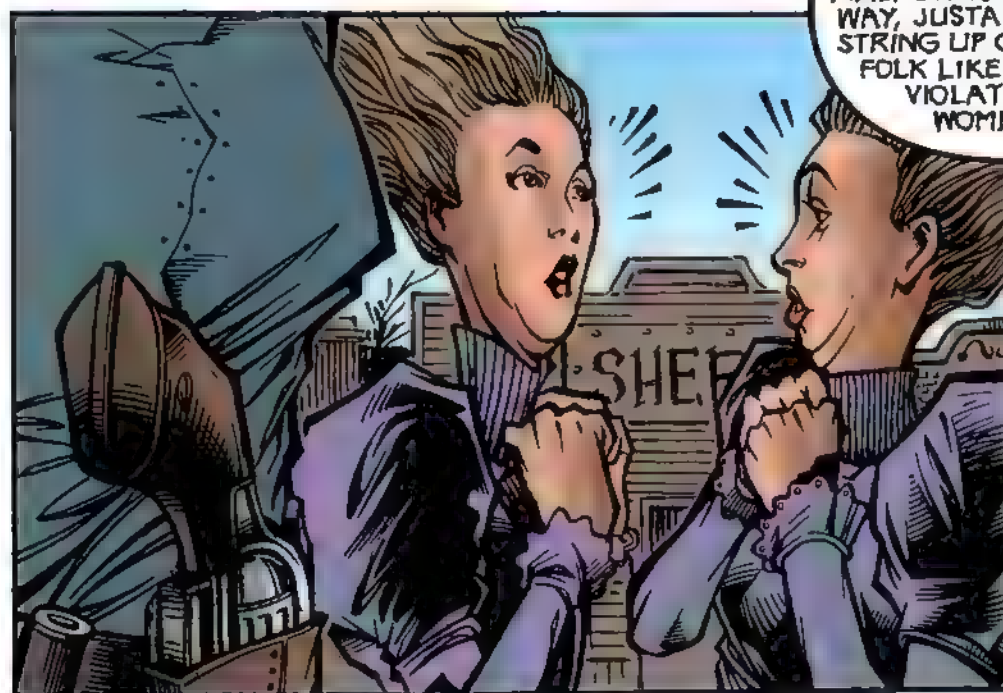
AH'M A-SORRY, FOLKS, BUT AH MUST BE MOVING ON. THE FIGHT AGIN' EVIL DON'T NEVER STOP.



BUT AH SHOULD WARN YOU, THERE'RE MORE HEINOUS MALFORMS HEADED THIS WAY, JUSTA ITCHIN' TO STRING UP GOOD NORMAL FOLK LIKE US AND VIOLATE OUR WOMENFOLK.

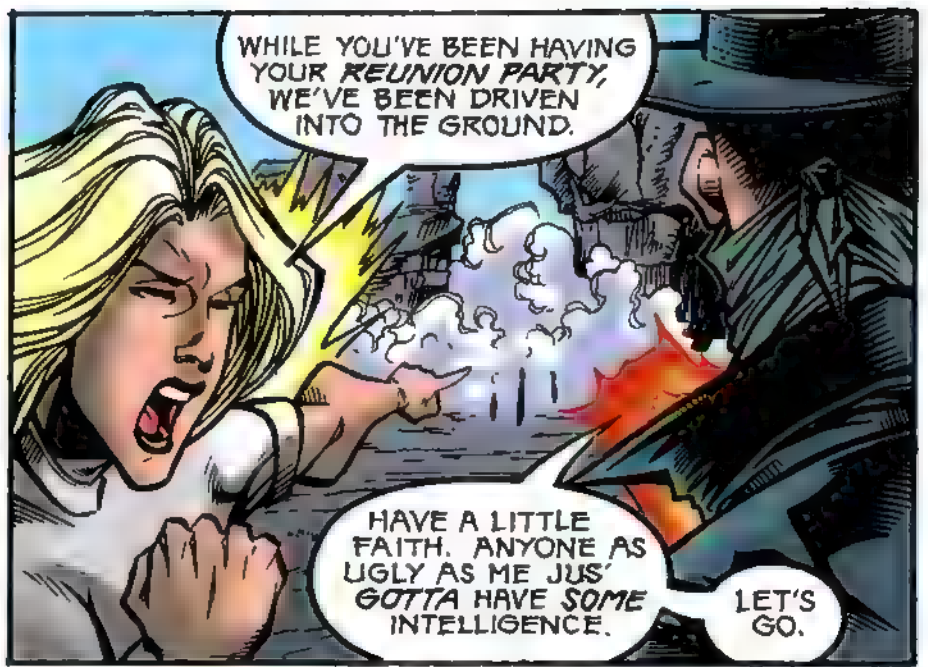
PLEASE, KIND SIR. WHAT CAN WE DO? YOU MUST HELP US.

WELL, AH GUESS THERE IS ONE WAY AH COULD HELP YOU.



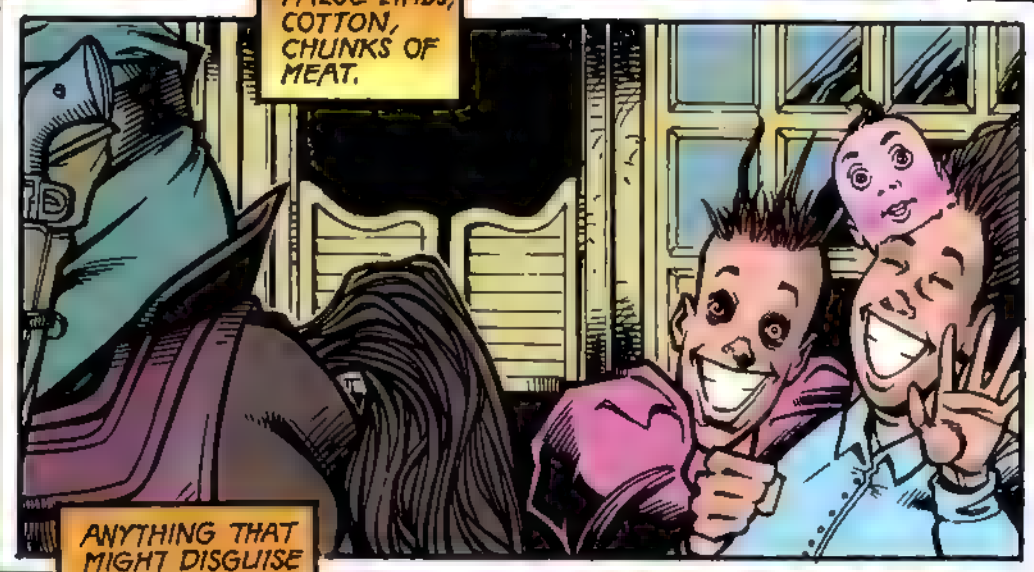
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO DO EXACTLY LIKE AH SAY.

BY THE TIME HEX REJOINED HIS OUTFIT, THEY WERE BARELY KEEPING AHEAD OF THE RELENTLESS RAZORMEN...

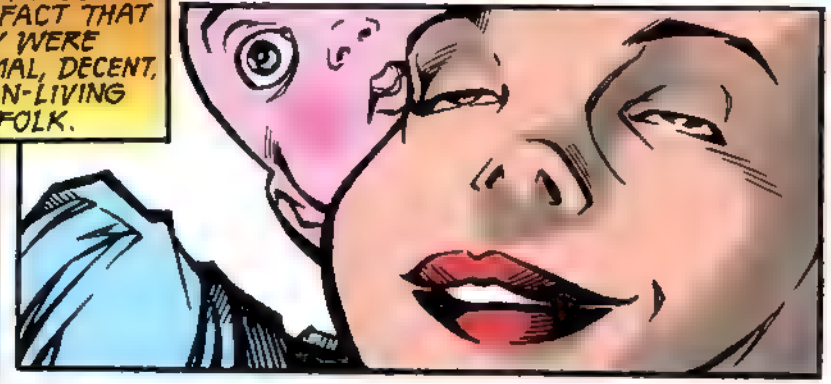




PAINT,
FALSE LIMBS,
COTTON,
CHUNKS OF
MEAT.



ANYTHING THAT
MIGHT DISGUISE
THE FACT THAT
THEY WERE
NORMAL, DECENT,
CLEAN-LIVING
FOLK.



THIS PLACE IS
FULL OF MALFORMS
LIKE US, FELLAS.

LET'S FIND
SOMEPLACE ELSE
TO TERRORIZE.

AS GENERATION HEX
RODE OFF, THE TOWNS-
FOLK CELEBRATED.

THOUGH SOME WERE
STRANGELY TROUBLED.

THERE WAS
SOMETHING...
ODDLY FAMILIAR
ABOUT THAT ONE
WITH THE
DREADFUL
SCAR.

I'M SURE WE'D REMEMBER
A FACE LIKE THAT.

DO YOU REMEMBER
THAT FAMILY? AWFUL
PEOPLE. USED TO
LIVE HERE.

I'D QUITE
FORGOTTEN THEM.
FATHER DRUNK
THEM ALL TO RUIN,
DIDN'T HE?

MORE
OF THEM!
THERE'S
MORE OF
THEM!

KEEP CALM.
WE'LL JUST
CONTINUE TO
PRETEND TO BE
MALFORMS
UNTIL THEY
PASS ON.

KERCLUNK
KERCLUNK
KER--
CLUNK

WHAT ARE THEY?
WHY HAVE THEY
STOPPED?

SHHH.

KRKKKK

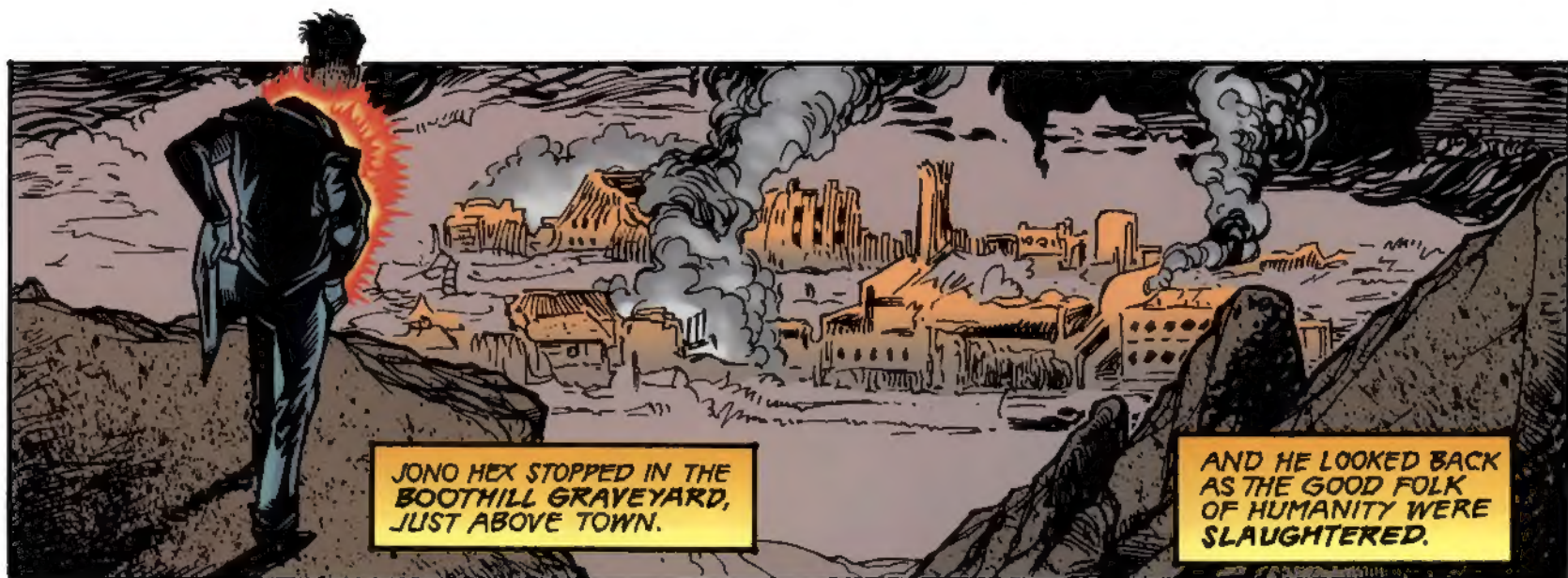
THE
PRIMITIVE
ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE
SCANNED THE
CREATURES
WHO
SURROUNDED
IT.

AND REACHED
A DECISION.

MALFORM

ATTACK!

AND THEN
THE MASSACRE
BEGAN.



JONO HEX STOPPED IN THE
BOOTHILL GRAVEYARD,
JUST ABOVE TOWN.

AND HE LOOKED BACK
AS THE GOOD FOLK
OF HUMANITY WERE
SLAUGHTERED.

HE GRINNED BITTERLY
AS HE LOOKED DOWN
AT A FEW UNMARKED
GRAVES...

AND WONDERED
IF ONE OF THESE
BELONGED TO
HIS MA, OR PA,
OR BABY SISTER.

COME ON, HEX. WE
WANNA BE MILES AWAY
FROM HERE BY THE TIME
THE TIN MEN FINISH
WID YOUR OLD
NEIGHBORS.

HE GLANCED
ONE MORE
TIME BACK
AT THE TOWN
OF HUMANITY.

AND HE
LAUGHED
ALL THE WAY
TO MEXICO.

the
End

Dear Malforms,

As a big fan of the Malform Western tales of yesteryear, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for bringing back my childhood love! Since you've brought back WEIRD WESTERN MUTANT TALES and ALL STAR X-WEST-ERNS, I have been in comic-book heaven.

And now GENERATION HEX? Somebody get me a bib, because I am drooling!

Of course, I can't imagine who wouldn't be excited after reading the team's debut in AMALGAM COMICS SHOWCASE PRESENTS. It was only a matter of time until we saw the infamous Jono Hex again, but I was ecstatic to see Madame Banshee again. Ever since the Hexions she led were killed off, she's been kind of a wreck. Kinda sad to see them go, a group of young malforms who "entertained" the gentlemen, all under the guise of being a finishing school. But, nice to see her back in commission. And the Trigger Twins? Cool! Always nice to see some of those Canadian malforms from the ALPHA OUTSIDERS appearing again.

These newcomers also look extremely promising. Skinhunter rules! Guns, please, not for this guy! The way he tore into Thunderhawk (literally) made my flesh crawl! And Retribution also looks cool. Although she really only appeared at the end after the team defeated M-Parasiteplate, I very much look forward to seeing this mysterious character in action. And I'm still waiting to see the appearance of the final member, El Papamondo.

I picked up the special ashcan edition of GENERATION HEX, and lo and behold, what name do I see but Adam Pollina? His stuff is incredible! I loved his work on LOOSE CANNONBALL, as well as THE RISE OF RA'S A-POCALYPSE. If only the ashcan had a few more pages of artwork, but alas, I'm now compelled to buy GEN HEX as soon as it hits the stands!

Uncle E. S. Beach
Los Angeles, CA

We wanted to pull the members of Generation Hex from all over the Wild West. The Trigger Twins were from earlier JONO HEX MAN, and Johnny Random straight from the pages of THUNDERHAWK. But just wait until you see what happens when the last surviving Hellions decide that Madame Banshee didn't try hard enough to save them. They're gonna take out their mad on Generation Hex in a big way! In fact, one of the Generation Hex isn't going to survive the reunion! And you will be surprised to see who it is!

Also, expect to see a character or

GENERATION HEX

Malform, is not actually Madame Bashee's brother, but her great-great-grandfather! His ability to focus his powers through cactus stumps will be resurfacing to plague the team soon, along with his partner, the unstoppable Shaggynaut! As for Thunderchick, she and her Pops,

Thunderhawk, can be seen in WEIRD WESTERN MUTANTS IN LOVE.



Dear GENERATION HEX,

You're spinning these guys off into their own series? Awesome! The return to Malform Westerns was great, and it was pure genius to spin off this beloved genre through THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF APOLLO AND FIREBIRD. Sending these two from the pages of JLX back through time was great! This, of course, set off the events for the incredible AGE OF RA'S A-POCALYPSE. Who would ever have thought events from the Wild West could allow Ra's to rule all mutants (along with everyone else) in the present?

In the lettercolumn in AMALGAM COMICS SHOWCASE PRESENTS, you asked us who else we'd like to see join the team. Hey, don't forget the Six-Gun Triplicate Kid! Yeah, I know she's in the year 2099, but hey, who couldn't she outdraw in a gunfight? Or how about one of the JLX making a permanent stopover? It would be interesting to see what a mutant of today would do in a world before his or her time.

Finally, a demand: Generation Hex vs. Magneto and the Magnetic Men! Oh Yeah!
James Greenpowers
Jersey City, NJ

Apollo and Firebird will be making a return appearance in these pages, James, but not in a way you'd ever suspect! Let's just say people will be talking about this one for a long time, as Firebird will find out that one of her ancestors is a member of Generation Hex!

Six-Gun Triplicate Kid sounds like a great idea! Well, what do the rest of you guys think? Come on, write in!

NEXT ISSUE: If you thought that Trash and his Razormen were tough, just wait until Kultron shows up! Magneto's deadliest enemy figures if he can't slaughter every mutant in his era, why not exterminate their forefathers? Of course, Generation Hex just might have something to say about that! In thirty days from Milligan, Pollina, and Morales.

two from the RISE OF RA'S A-POCALYPSE in these pages. Who? They'd bury me in Boot Hill if I told! And you can expect to see Mr. Pollina here month after month. Cool?



Dear Malform makers,

Another mutant title? You gotta be kidding me! At least, that's what I thought when I first read that Amalgam was putting out GENERATION HEX. But if AMALGAM COMICS SHOWCASE PRESENTS is any indication of what's to come, GENERATION HEX may be my favorite comic yet!

Each of these characters is an outsider, yet together they... belong. They understand each other's fears and hopes and they can depend on one another. I especially hope that you continue with the possible love triangle among Johnny Random, White Whip, and Skinhunter. Those two don't seem to know about each other, and that's just the way White Whip likes it!

A few questions and requests:

1. When Nightgate teleported Retribution to the rest of Generation Hex, just what did he have in mind for them to do with her?
2. Is Pow Wow Boom Boom Smith going to guest-star?
3. Why does Jono Hex hate humans so much?
4. Is Black Tom Savage, Madam Banshee's brother, ever going to show up again? Or Banshee's kid, Thunderchick, daughter of Thunderhawk?

Kamala Rodpiper
(address withheld)

Glad to see we could turn you around on the mutants, Kamala. To answer your questions:

1. Nightgate works in mysterious ways. Things seem to be working out OK so far, though.
2. Pow Wow Boom Boom Smith has her hands full in THE NEW WESTERN TEEN MALFORM FORCE.
3. That little tidbit has been revealed in this very issue!
4. Black Tom Savage, the immortal



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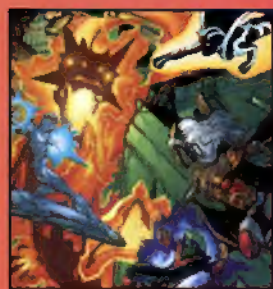
Now, there's no denyin' that the comic-book biz is just that—a business. And there are times when the profit-and-loss side of the equation seems to overshadow everything else, particularly with the advent of the faster-than-thought communication of the World Wide Web. (Speaking of which, have you gotten an eyeful of our fully-functional Amalgam Webrite yet? Four out of five dentists recommend it...and the fifth doesn't own a computer!)

But the bottom line is that nobody joins the wacky workaday world of producing four-color fantasies with the intention of getting rich. We do this because we love comics, the same as you do. There's no better place to work than in the comic biz. And the reason is, it's fun.

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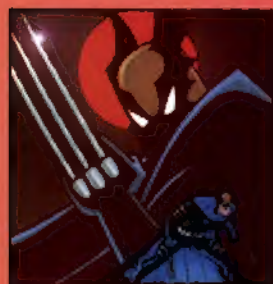
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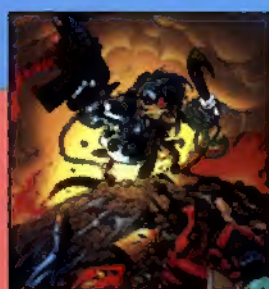


JLX UNLEASHED #1: Decimated by the Armageddon Agenda, the JLX lies at the mercy of the Hellfire League of Injustice when they summon the brimstone-born Fin Fang Flame! By Christopher "Maxi" Priest, Oscar "Jumping" Jimenez and Hanibal "The Cannibal" Rodriguez.

GENERATION HEX #1: Ride back into the Wild West days of the Amalgam Universe and see how disfigured renegade Jono Hex assembled the world's first band of metamutant gunslingers: Skinhunter, Madame Banshee, and the mysterious Retribution — all out for vengeance against a town called Humanity. By "Peerless" Peter Milligan, "Madam, I'm" Adam Pollina and Mark "More, More, More" Morales.

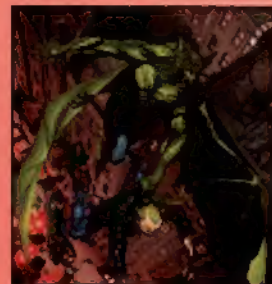


THE DARK CLAW ADVENTURES #1: Based on the hit TV show *Dark Claw: The Animated Series*! A deadly assassin called Lady Talia is loose in New Gotham! And she's after the man who killed her father, Ra's A-Pocalypse — namely, Logan! By Ty "The Guy" Templeton and "Rambunctious" Rick Burchett.



LOBO THE DUCK #1: The Main Mallard is after the mastermind responsible for the destruction of Manhattan and the deaths of the greatest Amalgam heroes! And not even his faithful girlfriend Bevarlene can ease the mighty duck's troubled mind — especially when the Lunatik-Bug bounces into the act. By Alan "The Anarchist" Grant, "Voracious" Val Semeiks, and Ray "Railroad" Kryssing.

BAT-THING #1: When a scientist mutates into a creature part human and part bat, the world can only call him — Bat-Thing! Human no longer, the hideous being seeks revenge on the motorcycle gang responsible for his cursed existence! By "Laughin'" Larry Hama, Rodolfo "Joe" Damaggio, and Bill "Sink-or-swim" Sienkiewicz.



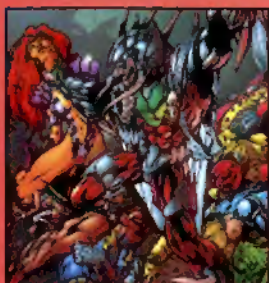
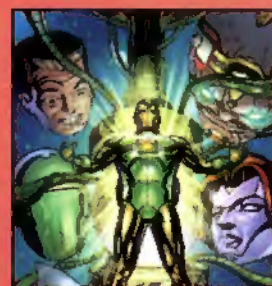
SUPER-SOLDIER: MAN OF WAR #1: Return to the Golden Age of Amalgam as the world's greatest human fighting machine joins forces with Sgt. Rock and his Howling Commandos! But can even their combined might overcome the maniacal Major Zemo's deadly War Wheel? Guest starring the All-Star Winners Society! By "Malevolent" Mark Waid, "Dauntless" Dave Gibbons, and Jimmy "Jimmy" Palmiotti.

CHALLENGERS OF THE FANTASTIC #1: Sue "Ace" Storm: fearless agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.! Reed "Prof" Richards: dynamic science genius! Johnny "Red" Storm: daredevil youth! Ben "Rocky" Grimm: two-fisted U.S. senator! They're four frankly fearless people who seek out and defy mind-blowing menaces in mysterious places. But can even they stand against the coming of Galactiac? By Karl "Don't Call Me Barbara" Kesel, "Titanic" Tom Grummett, and "Anxious" Al Vey.



THORION OF THE NEW ASGODS #1: Between the realms of New Asgard and Apokolips, Thorion battles his hated brother Lok D'Saad, while the fate of the galaxy itself hangs in the balance! But Lok has a secret weapon: the all-powerful MOTHER LOBE. And waiting in the shadows: Thanos! By "Kinetic" Keith Giffen and "Jumpin'" John Romita, Jr.

IRON LANTERN #1: Empowered by OA, the Living Planet, Hal Stark wears the life-sustaining armor of Iron Lantern! But can the Armored Emerald Gladiator save Stark Aircraft from the colossal Great White, the hatred of Madame Sapphire, and the world-shattering power of Mandarinestro? By "Curt" Kurt Busiek, "Tall" Paul Smith, and Al "The Pal" Williamson.



THE EXCITING X-PATROL #1: Niles Cable, Elastigirl, Shatterstarfire, Ferro Man, Beastling, and Dial H.U.S.K.! They're back — and they must face Brother Brood in a battle to the death! And if they survive — can they endure the trials of the Brood Pit? By Barbara "Don't Call Me Karl" Kesel and "Bouncin'" Bryan Hitch.

SPIDER-BOY TEAM-UP #1: Spider-Boy is saved from certain doom by another spider-powered teen who could be Spider-Boy 2099! Using the Time Cube, the heroic duo travel back to the future to meet the Legion of Galactic Guardians. By Karl "Now I'm Confused" Kesel, Roger "Ramjet" Stern, Jo "The Padron" Ladrone, and "Say It Ain't So" Vlesco.



MAGNETIC MEN FEATURING MAGNETO #1: Just as the refurbished Magnetic Men attempt to join human society, they must go up against the lethal Sinister Society and a slew of new evil robots. By Tom "Terrific" Peyer, "Bodacious" Barry Kitson and "Dancin'" Dan Panosian.

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